

Re: Bill to Ban outdoor furnaces except for farm and farmer's residence

We live in Suffield and there is great latitude with the term "farmer" and "farm".

In Suffield, if you own 5 acres or more, you have a farm. Now there is continued controversy over whether the farm is considered "commercial" if you sell or breed animals or poultry or eggs or if you just have a "farm" because you own 5 acres.

If you don't define "farm" and "farmer" then Suffield could have an outside furnace used by a resident with five acres calling themselves a farm and farmer. Because property lines were created by subdividing larger parcels of previous farms to include existing homes or old tobacco barns, this outdoor furnace allowed on a "farm" or "farmer residence" could actually be near the home of another resident even though there appears to be more acreage owned by the "farm" which has no impact on distances between homes and proximity to outdoor furnaces.

Can you include this issue so the bill defines "farm" and "farmer" and allowable nearness to abutting residences.

Thankyou,

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